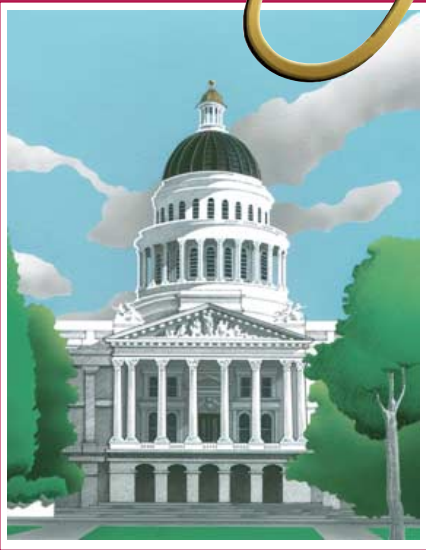


Assembly



R E S O L U T I O N

By the Honorable Nicole M. Parra
30th Assembly District; Relative to commending

Wildwood Packing and Cooling

Whereas, On May 30, 2006, the California Small Business Association will host California Small Business Day in Sacramento, and at that time, Wildwood Packing and Cooling will be recognized as the 30th Assembly District's Small Business of the Year, and it is appropriate at this time to draw the special attention of the public to this significant event and acknowledge owners, Mark and Sue Woods, for their outstanding community service and steadfast commitment to customer service and high business ethics; and

Whereas, California Small Business Day is held to recognize the many important contributions small businesses make to the state's economy; and

Whereas, Mark and Sue Woods started their first business as a trucking company in 1968, which involved transporting produce throughout the State, and Wildwood Express, Inc. has been working with its dealer, Fresno Truck Center of Fresno, since 1971; and

Whereas, With the help of their children, Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John, Mark and Sue Woods expanded their business to include farming in 1978; and

Whereas, The family entered into the Packing and Cooling industry in 2002 and Wildwood Packing and Cooling was established four years later within the town of Kingsburg; and

Whereas, In addition to the trucking business, which operates throughout California and Arizona, the company includes 13 farms with a total of 400 acres, on which they grow peaches, plums, nectarines, and pluots (a plum/apricot hybrid), and also operate a packing house that was built in 2000 with 400,000 square feet of storage space; and

Whereas, Wildwood Packing and Cooling operates throughout the year, and transports goods from across every region of the state to grocers locally and abroad; and

Whereas, Wildwood Packing and Cooling employs nearly 100 workers, with the total number of the Woods Group employees totaling approximately 225; and

Whereas, The majority of Wildwood Packing and Cooling employees have been with the company since its beginning; and


Whereas, Wildwood Packing and Cooling is committed and prepared to meet its growers' needs by "packing with a purpose"; and

Whereas, Wildwood has been an outstanding corporate citizen by helping to meet the needs of the community by working with the Valley Children's Hospital; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by Assembly Member Nicole M. Parra, That she takes great pleasure in congratulating Wildwood Packing and Cooling on its selection as the 30th Assembly District's Small Business of the Year, commends Mark and Sue Woods for their exemplary record of civic leadership and long history of community support, and extends sincere best wishes for success in the future.

Members Resolution No. 1907

Dated this 30th day of May, 2006


Honorable Nicole M. Parra
30th Assembly District

